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EVERY NOW
AND THEN,

THINGS HAPPEN
THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE
TO BELIEVE,
EVEN AFTER SEEING
THEM WITH
YOUR OWN EYES.

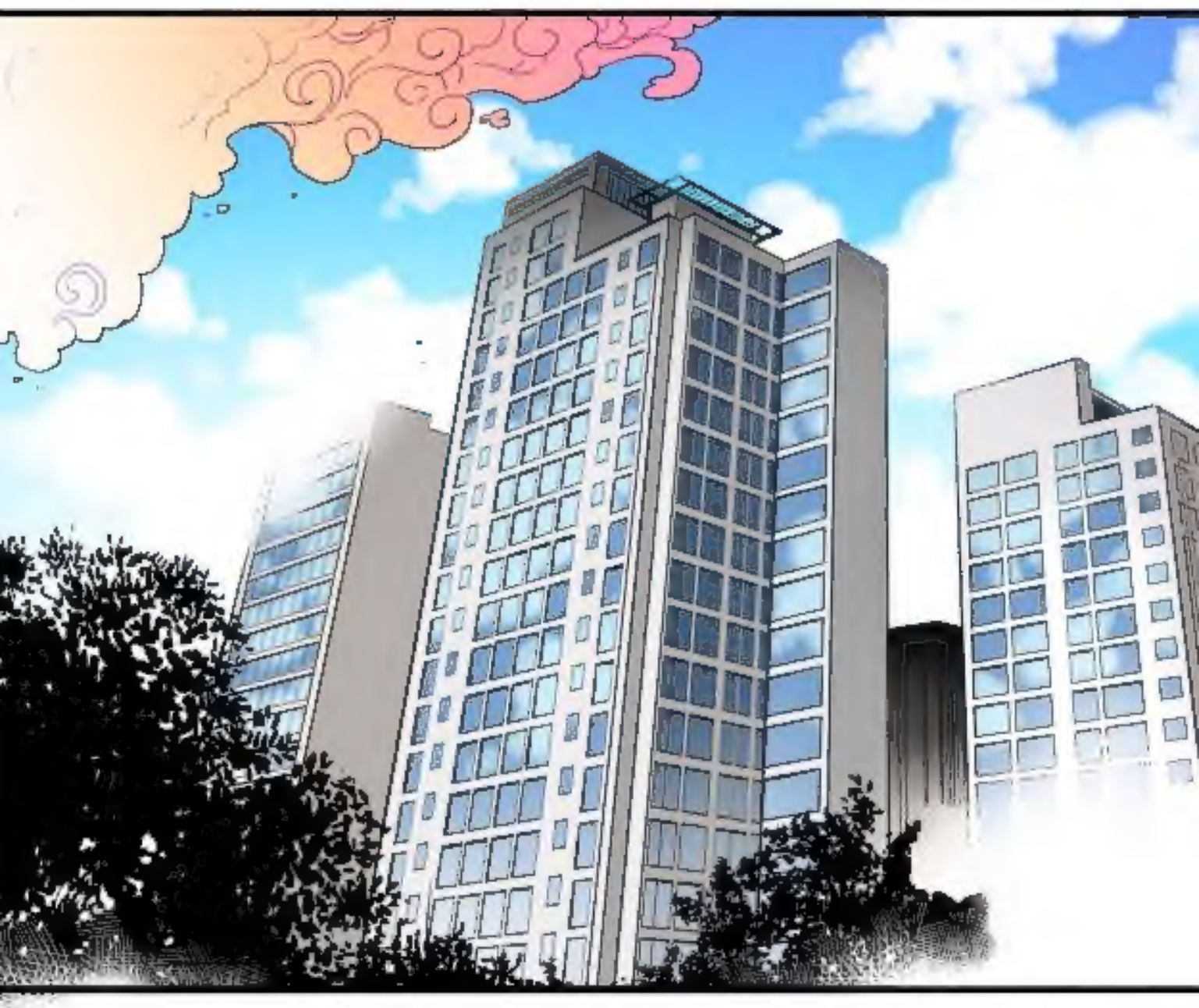
HUMANS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN AWESTRUCK ABOUT EVENTS THAT THEY CANNOT EXPLAIN, AND CALLED THEM ACTS OF GOD.

THEY SOUGHT THE WILL OF THE GODS THROUGH SPECIAL PEOPLE AMONG THEM.

THAT WAS HOW SHAMANS CAME ABOUT.

AND...

EVEN IN THE 21ST CENTURY, WHEN SCIENCE AND MEDICINE ADVANCED AT AN EXPONENTIAL RATE,



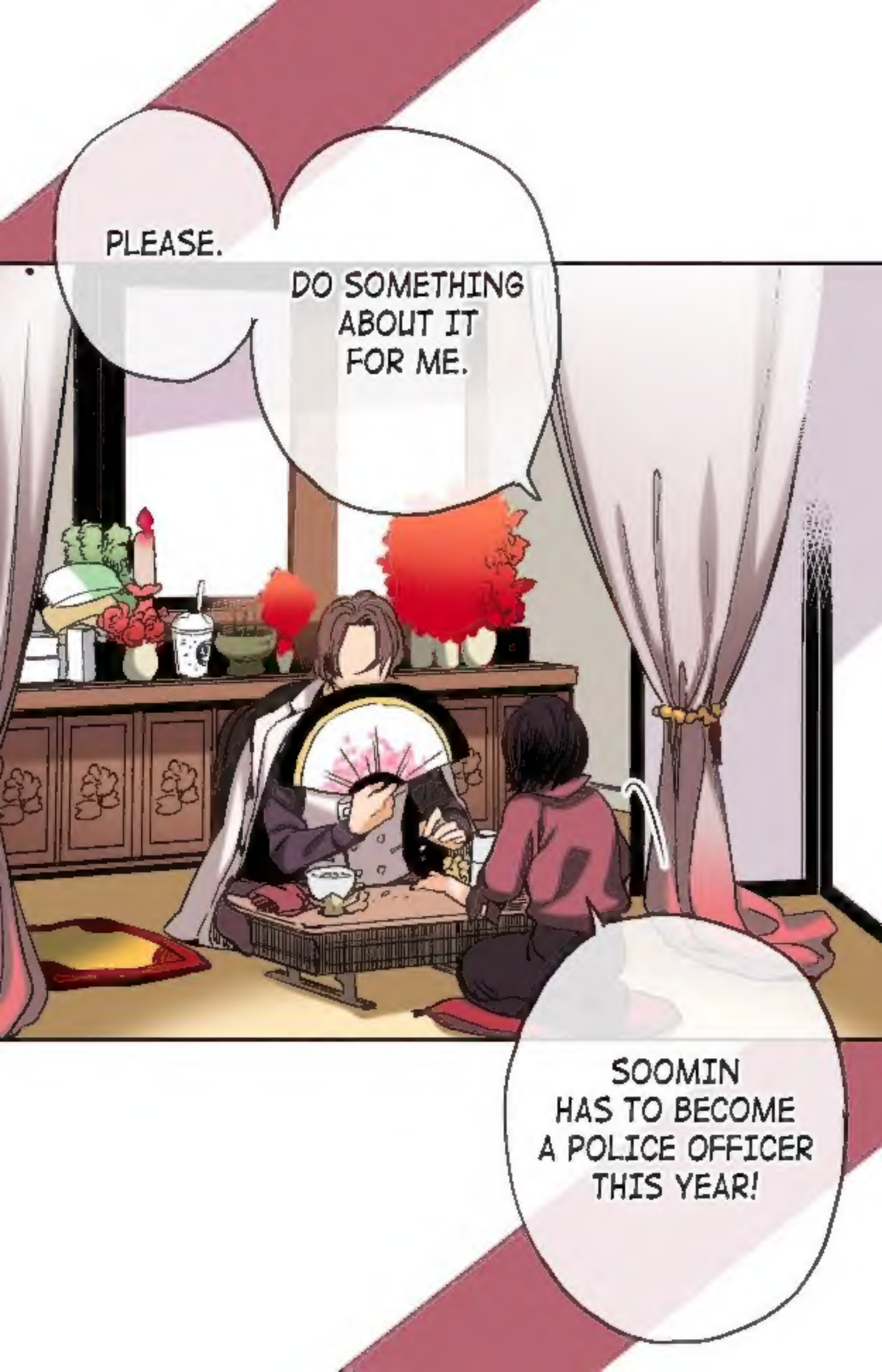
THIS BELIEF STILL PREVAILS...

TSK TSK!

HE'LL FAIL AGAIN THIS YEAR.

HE'S GOING TO FAIL.

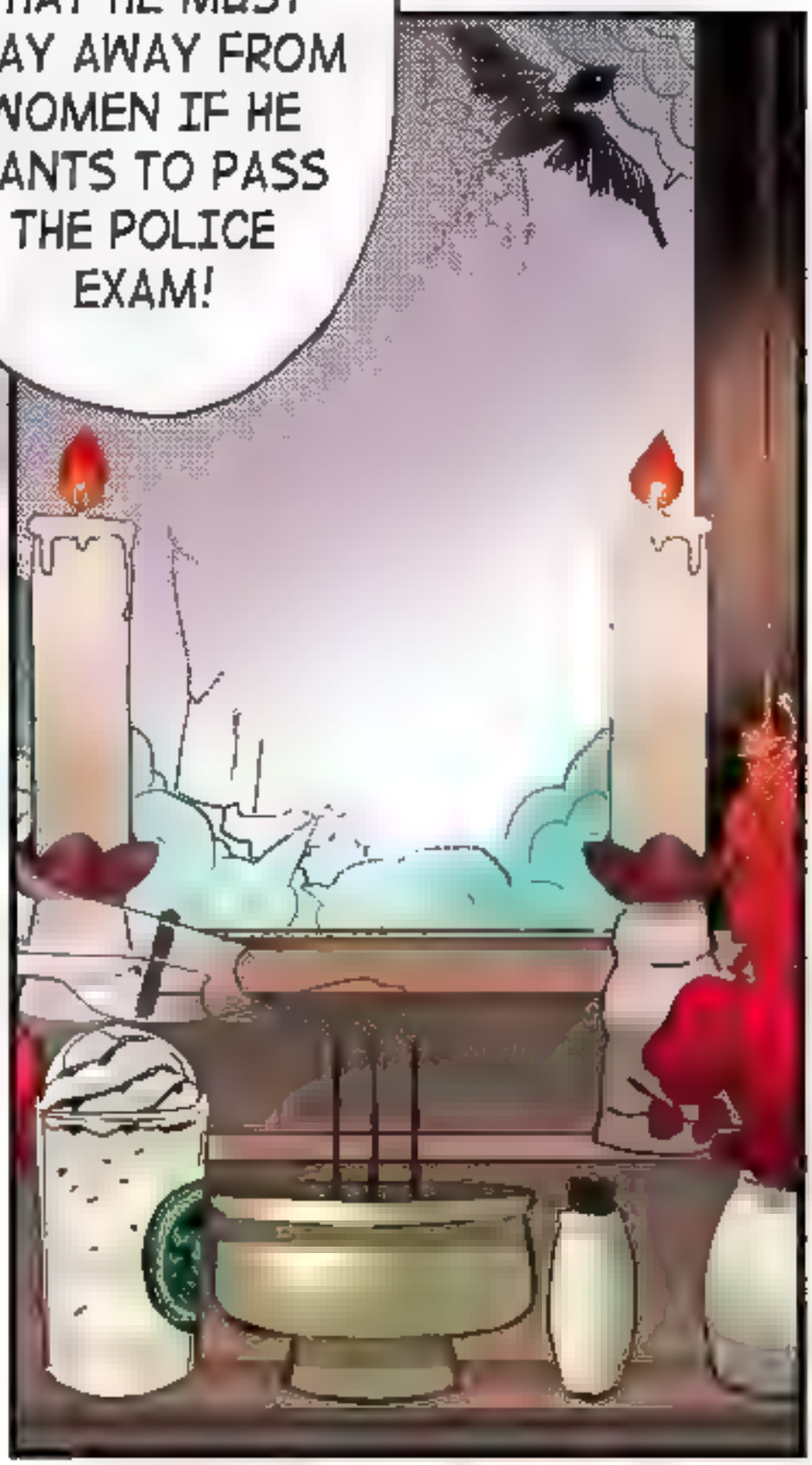
NO!
IF HE DOESN'T PASS AGAIN THIS YEAR, MY SON WOULD'VE FAILED FOR FOUR YEARS STRAIGHT.


PLEASE.
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT FOR ME.
SOOMIN HAS TO BECOME A POLICE OFFICER THIS YEAR!

SLAP
SO WHAT DID I SAY LAST YEAR?
I TOLD YOU IT'LL REALLY BE OVER THIS TIME, DIDN'T I?
I TOLD YOU HIS STUDY LUCK ENDS THIS YEAR!

I SEE A WOMAN IN YOUR SON'S FUTURE.

I TOLD YOU LAST YEAR TO BE CAREFUL, THAT HE MUST STAY AWAY FROM WOMEN IF HE WANTS TO PASS THE POLICE EXAM!



BUT I WAS CAREFUL!
I DIDN'T LET HIM DATE AND TOOK AWAY HIS CELL PHONE.
TSK TSK
OH MY HEAD
I EVEN HAD HIM LIVE IN AN ALL-BOYS DORM AND MADE HIM STUDY LIKE CRAZY...

THAT'S WHERE YOU WENT WRONG!
YOU SHOULD'VE STUCK TO HIM AND WATCHED HIM LIKE A HAWK.
BUT YOU SENT HIM OUT AND LET HIM PLAY AND DO WHATEVER HE WANTED?!
AND THEN HE GOES AND SEDUCES AN INNOCENT GIRL.
SQUIRM

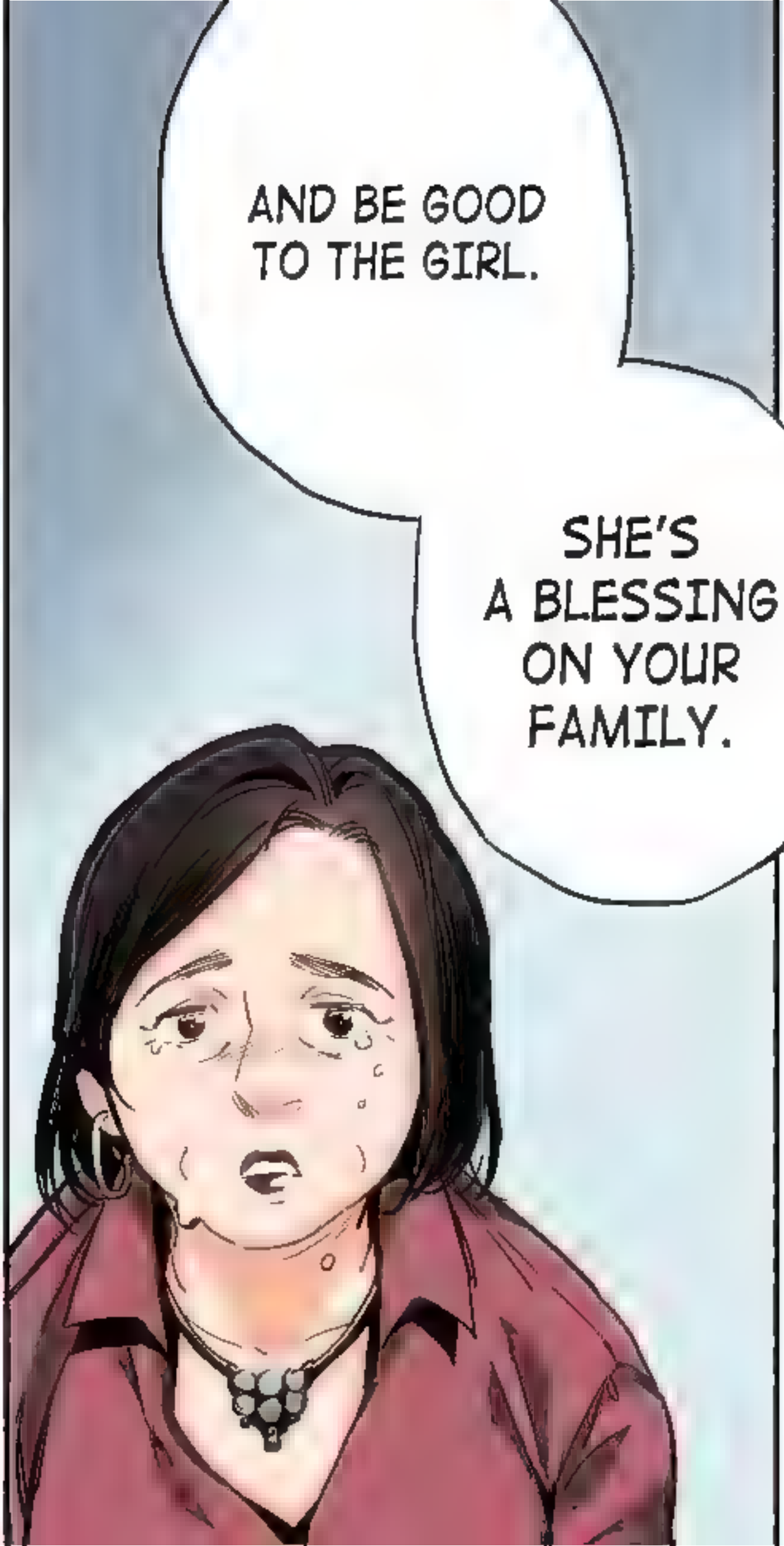
GLARE
SHE'S PREGNANT... ISN'T SHE?

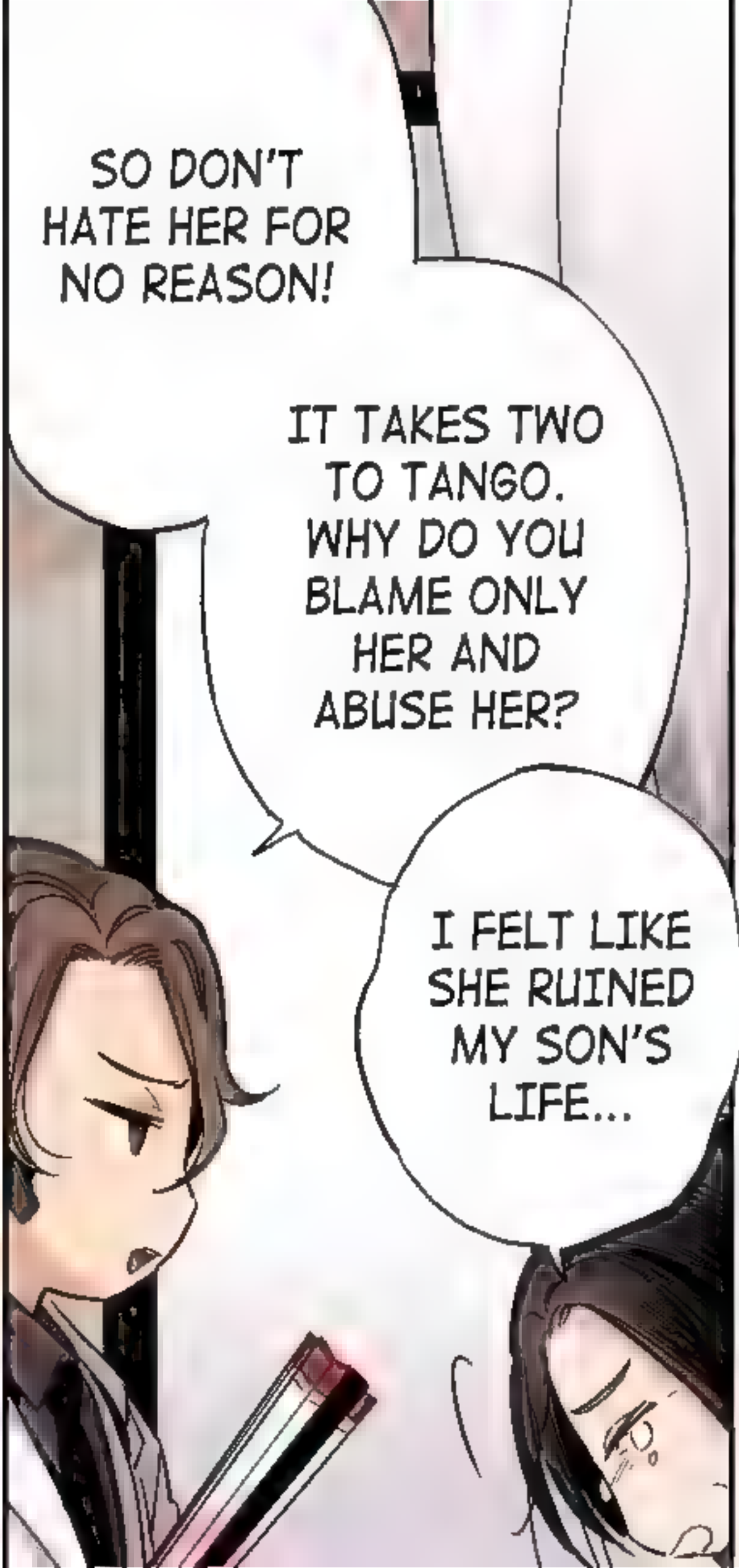
H-HOW DID YOU...?!
MOMMY, WHOM ARE YOU TALKING TO, HUH?
YOU'RE TALKING TO THE BEST SHAMAN IN SEOUL, AND YOU'RE AMAZED THAT I GOT THAT RIGHT?

ARE YOU PLAYING GAMES WITH ME?

NO, NO. I'M SO SORRY.
BOW
BOW
WHAT MUST I, I MEAN, MY SON DO?

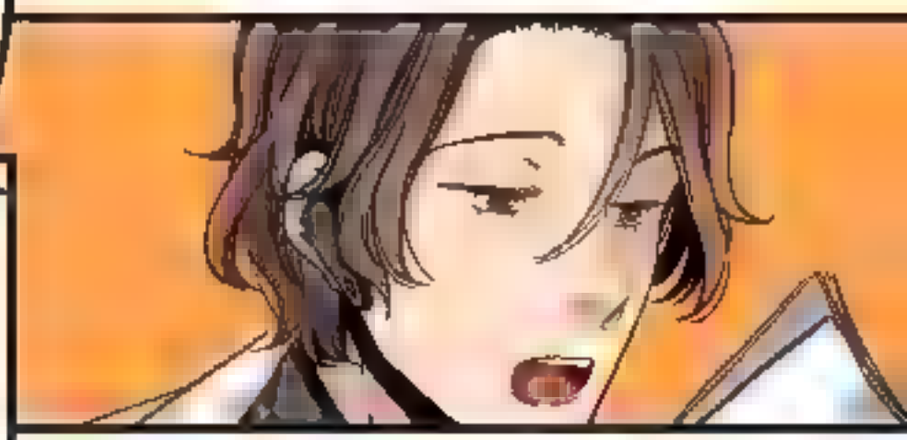
SET A DATE AND MARRY HIM OFF.
SLAP


AND BE GOOD TO THE GIRL.
SHE'S A BLESSING ON YOUR FAMILY.


SO DON'T HATE HER FOR NO REASON!
IT TAKES TWO TO TANGO. WHY DO YOU BLAME ONLY HER AND ABUSE HER?
I FELT LIKE SHE RUINED MY SON'S LIFE...

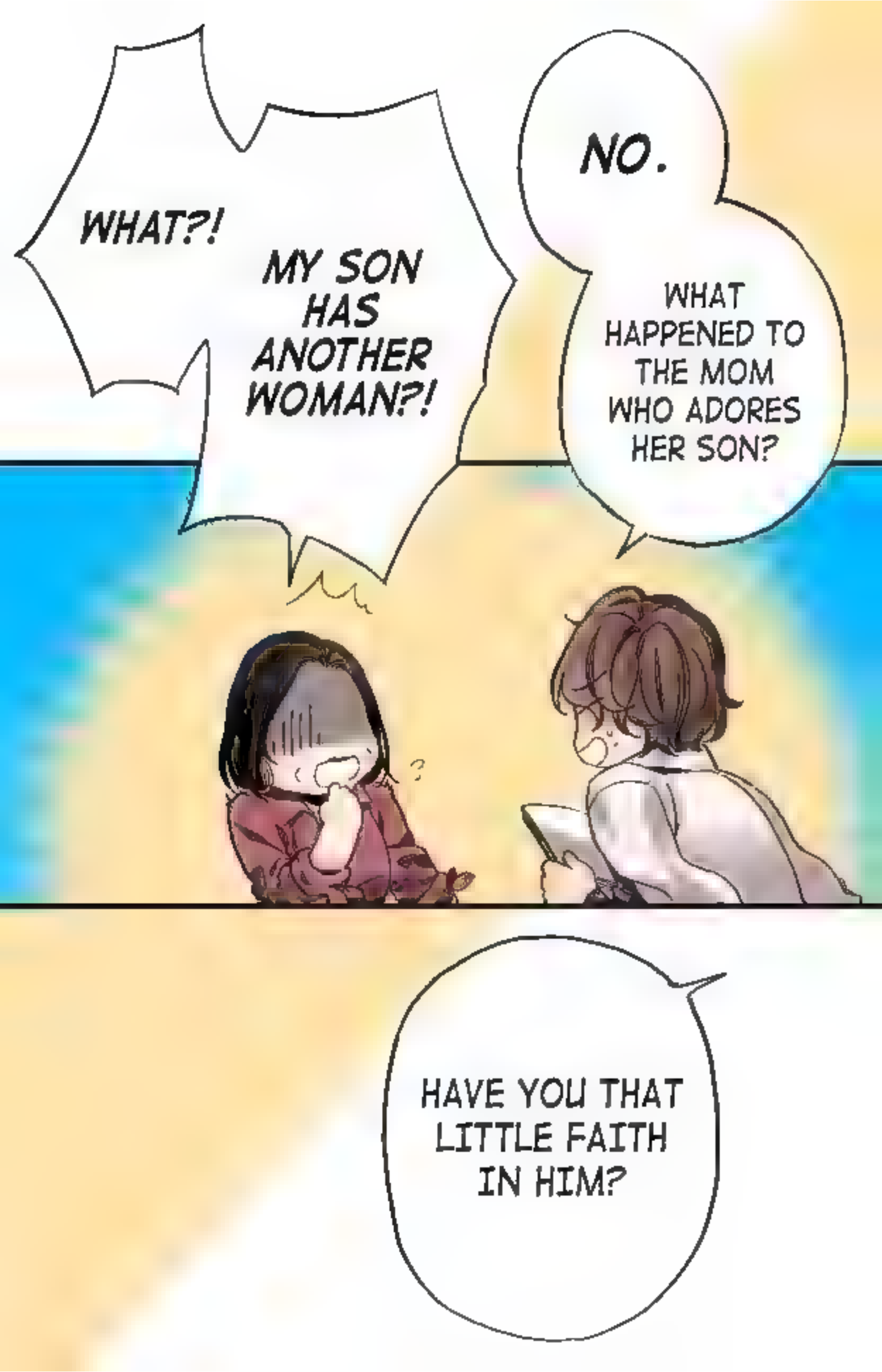
I MEANT HE SHOULD BE CAREFUL IF HE WANTED TO BECOME A COP!

SIGH. ANYWAY, THEY WERE DESTINED TO MEET, SO IT COULDN'T BE STOPPED ANYWAY.

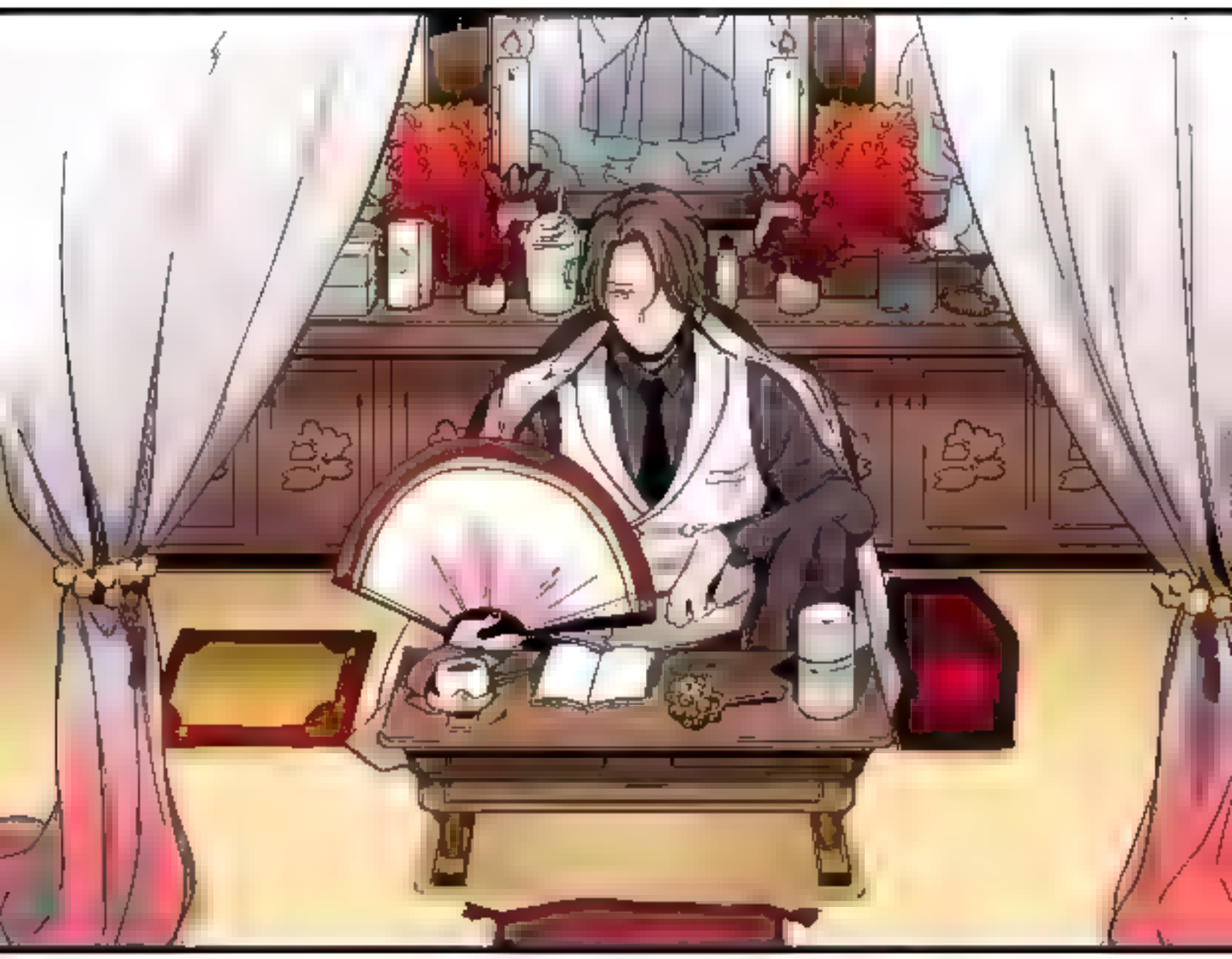


OH, ALSO.

THE SPIRITS SAY THERE ARE TWO EXTREMELY IMPORTANT WOMEN IN YOUR SON'S FUTURE...

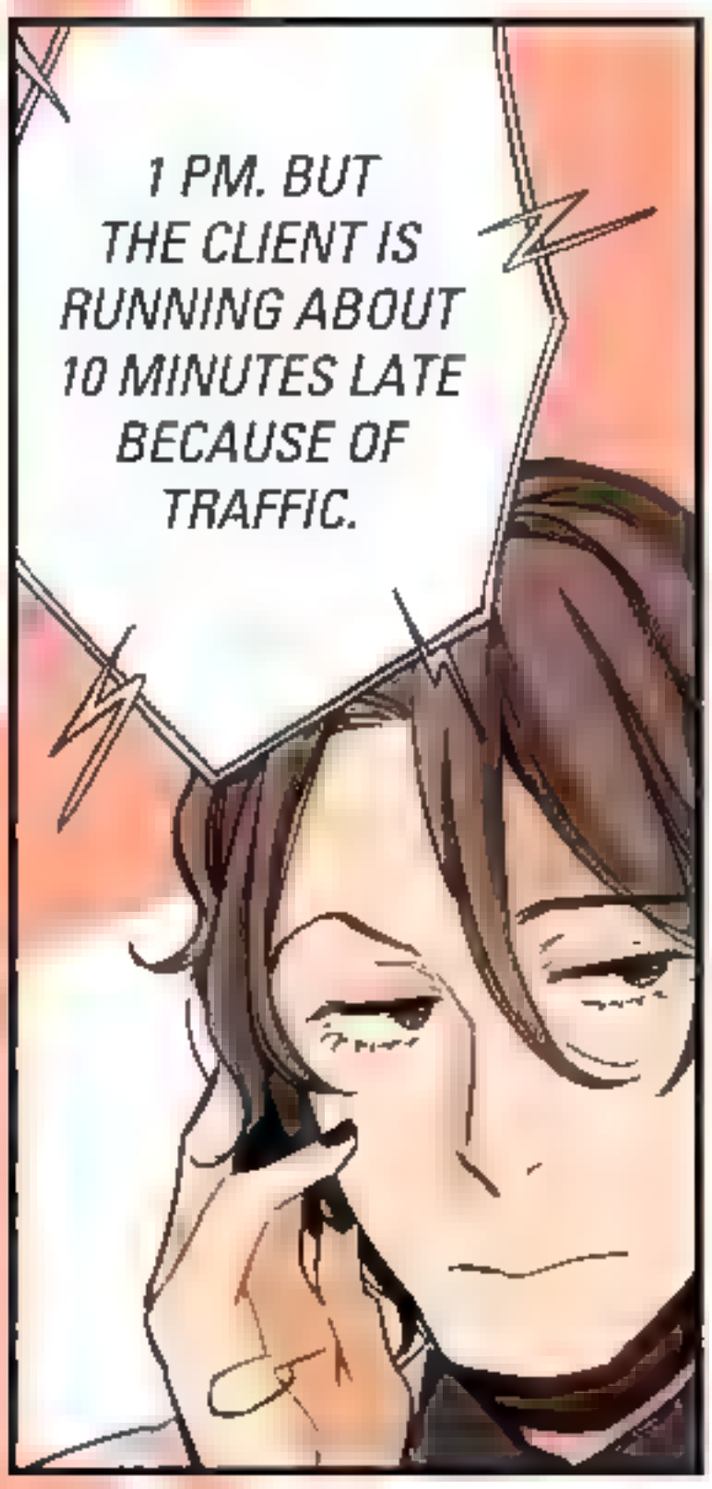

WHAT?!
MY SON HAS ANOTHER WOMAN?!
NO.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MOM WHO ADORES HER SON?
HAVE YOU THAT LITTLE FAITH IN HIM?

THE BABY SHE'S CARRYING IS A GIRL.
YOU NEED TO SERVE YOUR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AND GRANDDAUGHTER ON YOUR HANDS AND KNEES!
THESE TWO WILL PUT YOUR SON IN THE FAST LANE OF LIFE.



MASTER PLUM FLOWER REALLY IS INCREDIBLE.

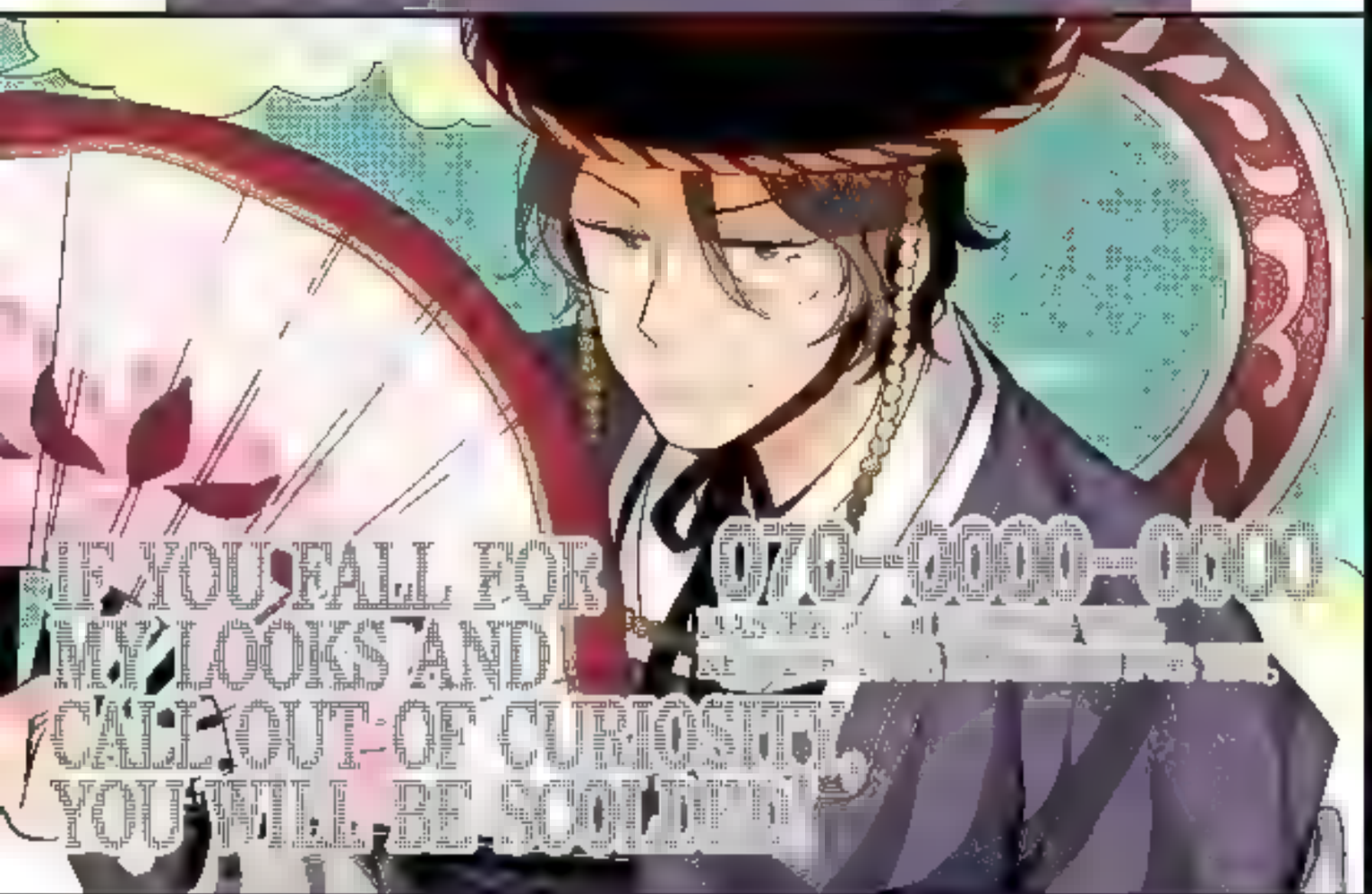
WHAT TIME IS THE NEXT APPOINTMENT?



HMM.
OKAY.
SAMSANG
12:40 PM

A SHAMAN FOR 13 YEARS!

MAKES OVER A HALF A MILLION A YEAR!

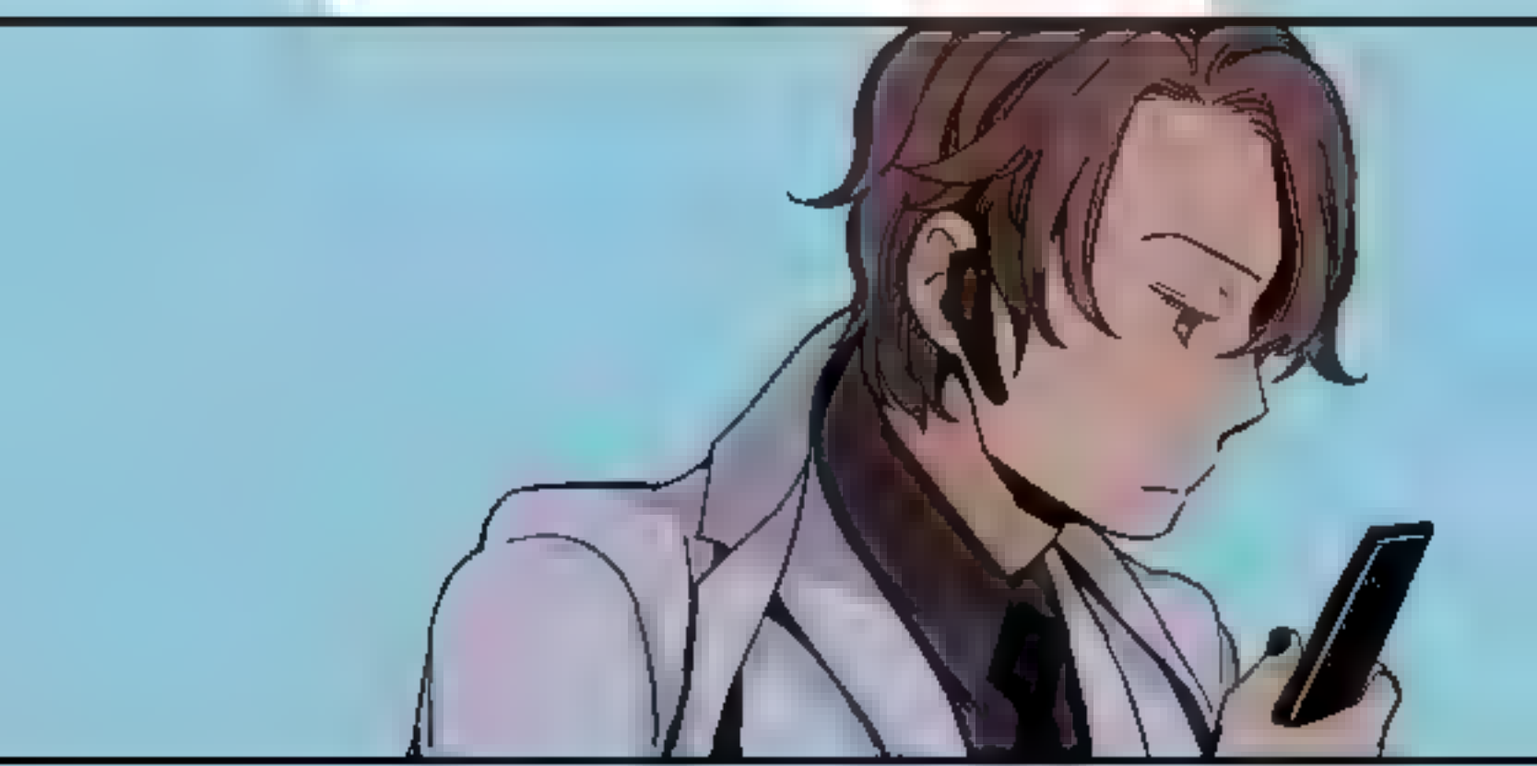


OVER 30 APPEARANCES ON TV!

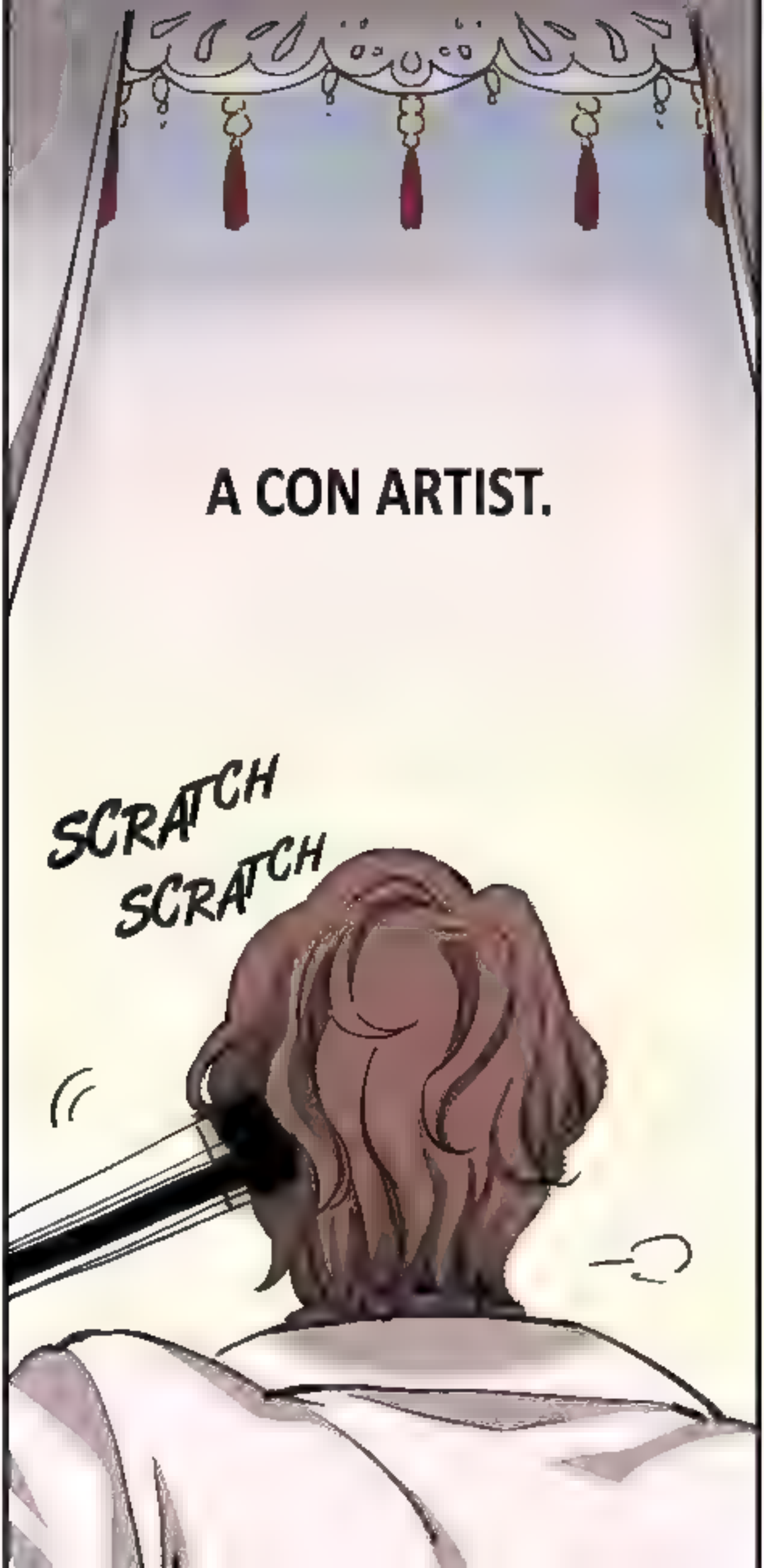
THE PRINCE AMONG SHAMANS!

CHEONGDAM'S
MASTER PLUM
FLOWER.

I, YOHAN KIM
(AGE 29)...



AM ACTUALLY...

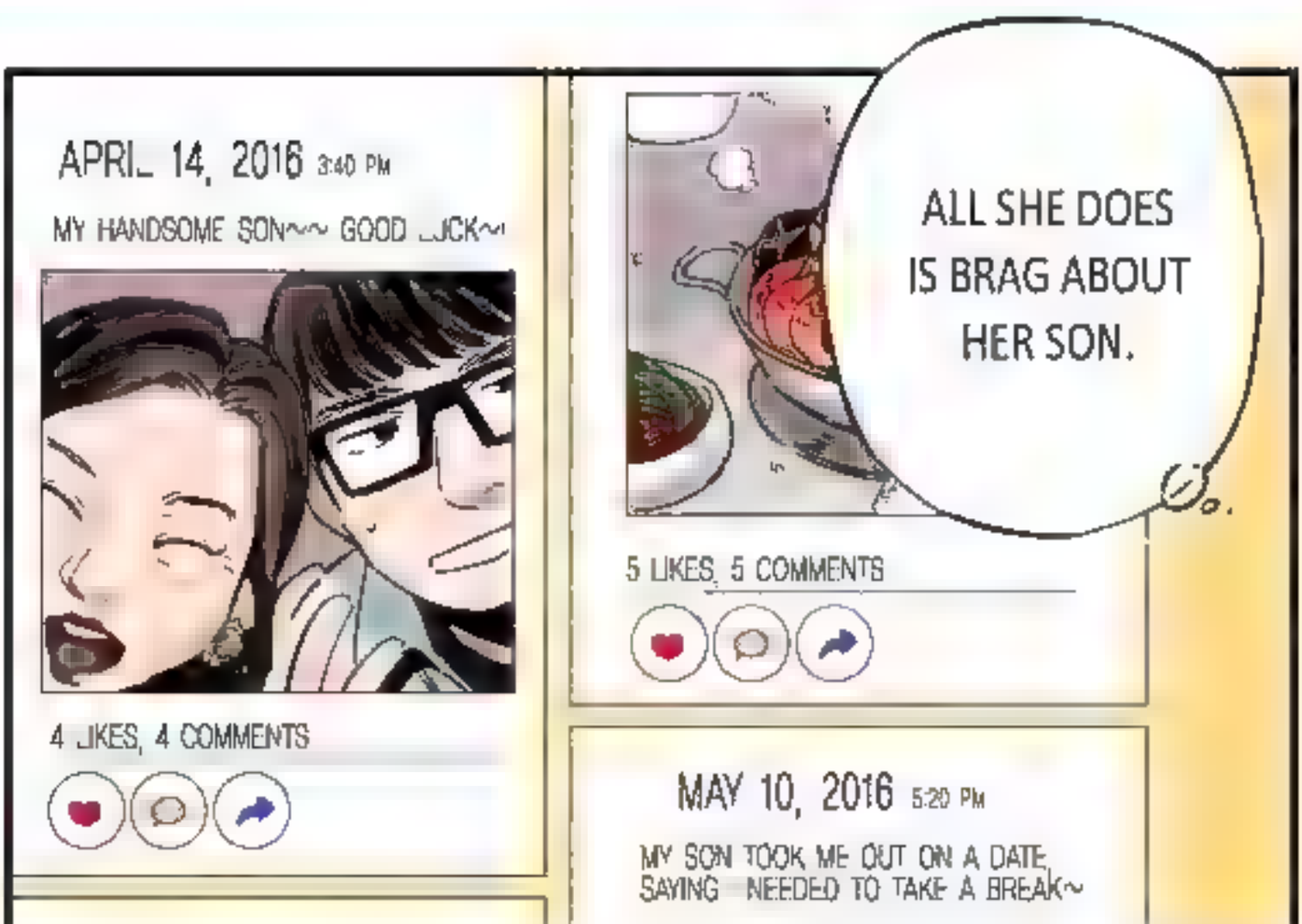

A CON ARTIST.
SCRATCH
SCRATCH

I ONLY TAKE APPOINTMENTS.
NO WALK-INS EVER.

YOU MUST WAIT ON AVERAGE 3 MONTHS TO SEE ME, BUT I GET DOZENS OF CALLS A DAY.

OUR RULE IS TO RECEIVE BIRTH YEAR, MONTH, DATE AND TIME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE APPOINTMENTS.

AND I PREPARE WITH THAT INFO.



THIS IS AN ERA IN WHICH PEOPLE IN THEIR 60S AND 70S EASILY DO SOCIAL MEDIA.

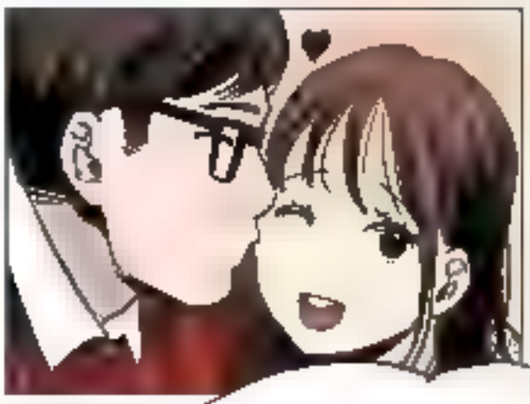
LET'S SEE. THE SON IS HERE...

SO I JUST BROWSE THROUGH THEM A LITTLE.

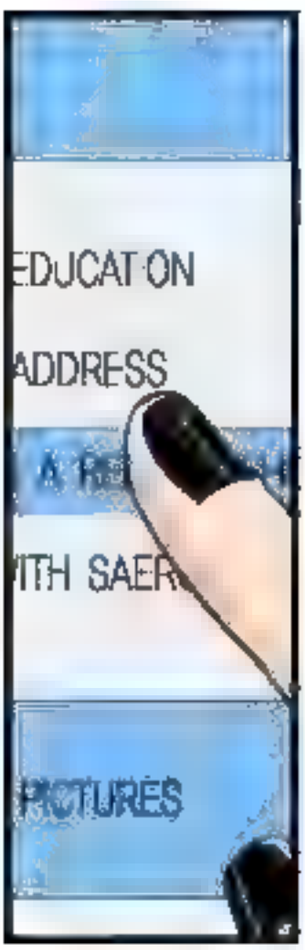
AT GAROSUGIL. (3(3

THEY POST IT FOR OTHERS TO LOOK AT ANYWAY, RIGHT?

THE PASTA PLACE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS ~)



HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE STUDYING, BUT HE'S ALWAYS POSTING THINGS LIKE THIS. HOW COULD HE PASS THE EXAM?



PLUS...

SAEROM KIM AND 12 OTHERS
SAEROM KIM
WHAT? YOU'RE PREGNANT?
CONGRATS~~!
MAY 15 8:50 PM LIKE REPLY
SUNGCHAN PARK
CONGRATS♡♡♡
MAY 15 8:55 PM LIKE REPLY
CRUNCH
SHE POSTED HER SONOGRAM. YOU'D HAVE TO BE STUPID NOT TO KNOW SHE WAS PREGNANT.
WHAT A FAKE.

AM I A COMPLETE CON ARTIST WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL ABILITIES? IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE ASKING,

AT LEAST I GOT IT RIGHT THAT IT'S A GIRL.

THAT'S NOT IT, EITHER.

THAT'S BECAUSE I SAW IT AND TOLD YOU.
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
BECAUSE I SEE A SPIRIT.
WHATEVER
IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO SCAM PEOPLE, CAN'T YOU JUST TELL ME THINGS ABOUT THEM?
BUT YOU DO JUST FINE WITHOUT MY HELP.

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WON'T TELL ME, DONGA. THAT'S WHY I JUST WING IT.
THE CREAM MELTED.

THINK ABOUT IT. MAYBE YOUR BUSINESS IS DOING BETTER BECAUSE I'M NOT INVOLVED.
RIGHT?
GRUNT
YOU'RE SO SHREWD.

THIS IS DONGA, MY SPIRIT.
I DON'T KNOW... HIS AGE.
SIP
HE SAYS HE'S BEEN LIVING SINCE THE JOSEON ERA.
(*KOREA IN 12TH~20TH CENTURY)

HE IS OF NO HELP TO MY BUSINESS.
YOHAN, WOULD YOU BUY ME SOME SHAVED ICE AFTER WORK TODAY? MANGO SHAVED ICE.
WHY DOES A GHOST WANT SHAVED ICE?
HMPH
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS CALL ME A GHOST?

I'M NOT A GHOST. I'M A SPIRITUAL BEING.
FROM THE MOMENT WE MET, HE'S BEEN SAYING HE'S NEITHER A SPIRIT NOR A GHOST, BUT A "SPIRITUAL BEING"

TO BE HONEST,
I DON'T KNOW WHAT
THE DIFFERENCE IS.
YOHAN,
MY MANGO
SHAVED ICE.
PLEASE?
IT'S
A SEASONAL
ITEM, SO THIS
IS THE ONLY
TIME I CAN
HAVE IT.
HEY, HOW DOES
SOMEONE FROM
THE JOSEON ERA
EAT MANGOS?

THIS 1 PM CLIENT...

IS UNUSUAL.

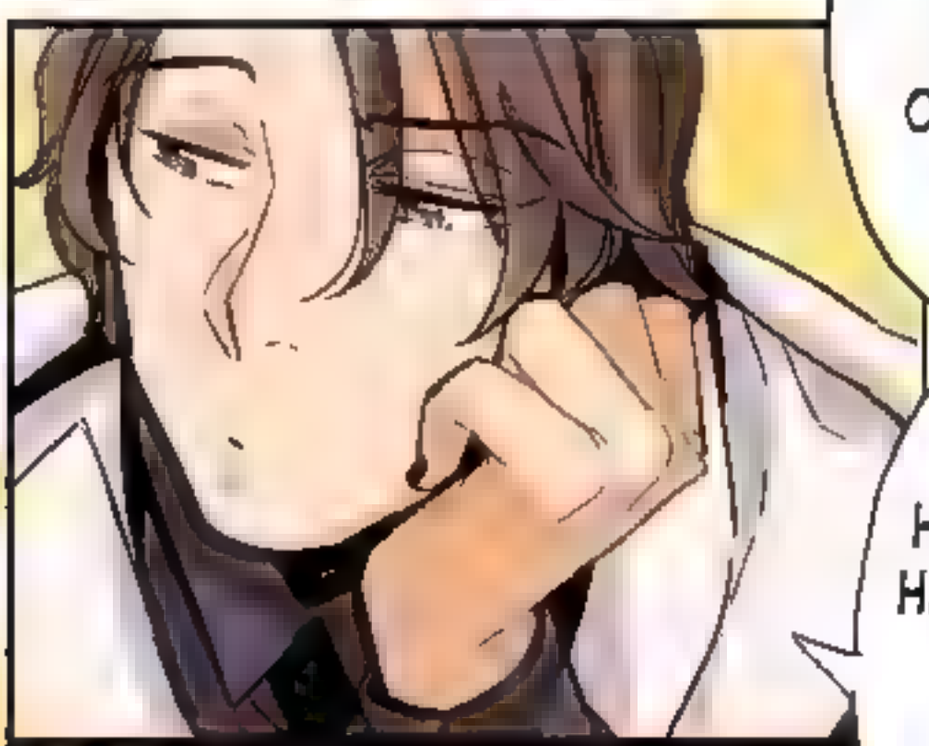
NAME,
YOONSUNG BAEK.
AGE, 33.
BIRTHDAY,
NOVEMBER 17.
THAT IS ALL
I WAS ABLE TO
FIND OUT.
WHO IN THIS DAY
AND AGE DOESN'T HAVE
A SINGLE SOCIAL MEDIA
ACCOUNT? IS THAT
EVEN POSSIBLE?

I THOUGHT THERE'D BE MAGAZINE INTERVIEWS OUT THERE SINCE HE'S A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN,

NO SEARCH RE

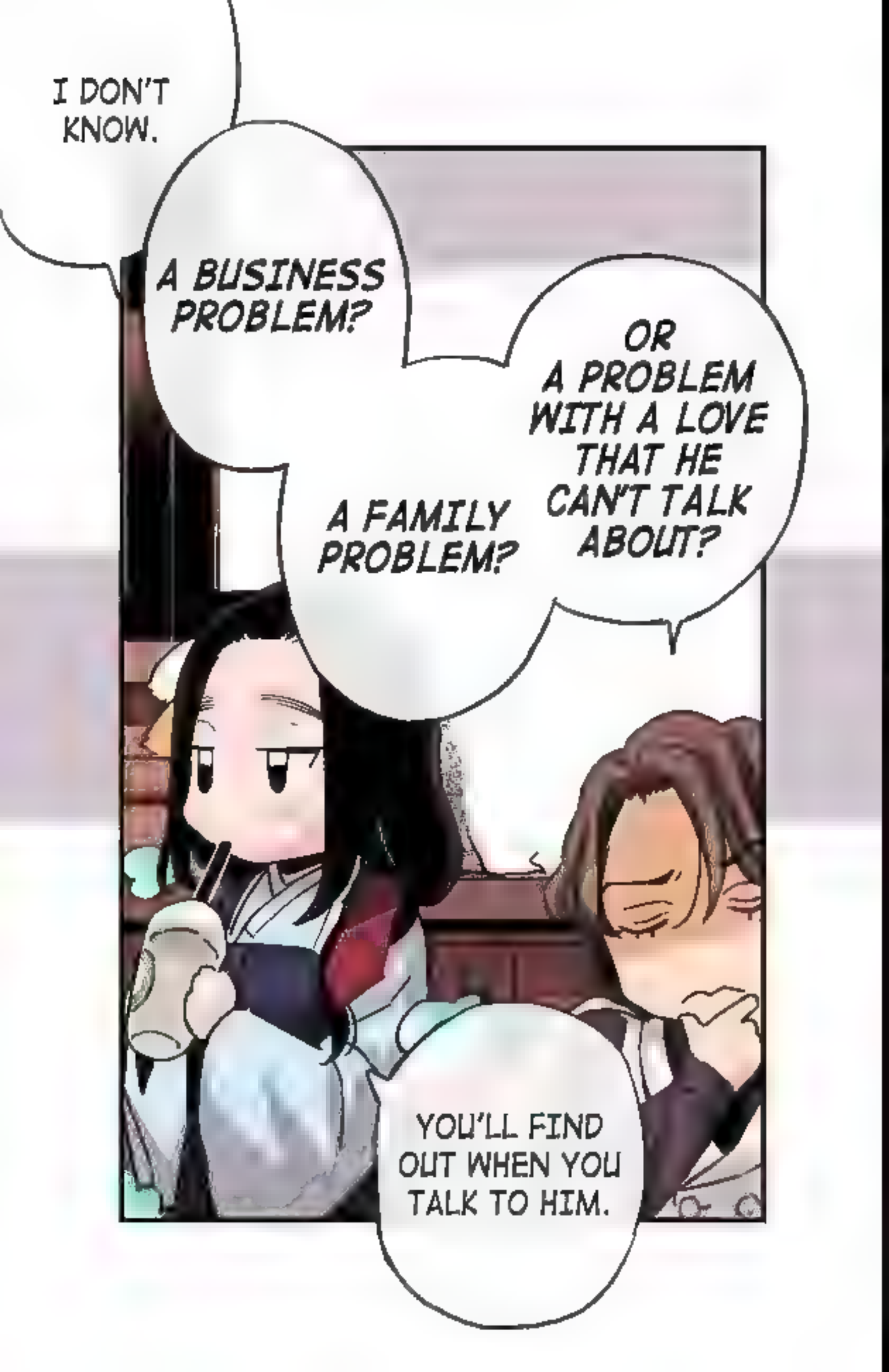
·TRY DIFFER
·TRY MORE

BUT HE REFUSED TO DO ANY INTERVIEWS BECAUSE HE IS VERY RESERVED.



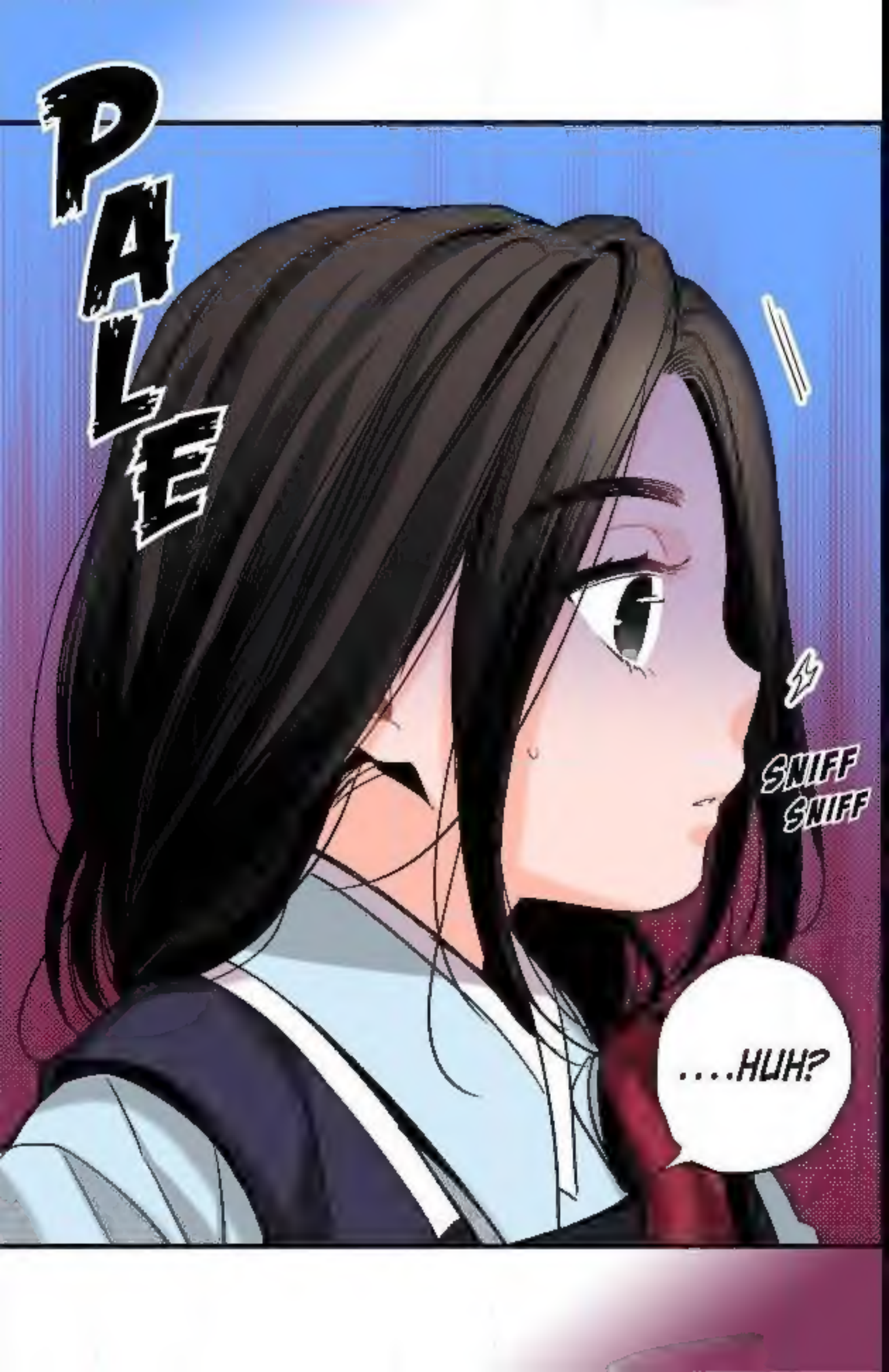
WHY IS SOMEONE LIKE HIM COMING TO SEE ME?

BASED ON HOW HE'S LIVED, HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE TO BELIEVE IN THINGS LIKE THIS.


I DON'T KNOW.
A BUSINESS PROBLEM?
A FAMILY PROBLEM?
OR A PROBLEM WITH A LOVE THAT HE CAN'T TALK ABOUT?
YOU'LL FIND OUT WHEN YOU TALK TO HIM.

YOU PROMISED, OKAY? YOU HAVE TO READ HIM FOR REAL THIS TIME, OKAY?
IF YOU PROMISE TO GET ME A MANGO SHAVED ICE AND AN ICE MOCHA.
SERIOUSLY...
THE 1PM CLIENT IS ON HIS WAY UP.
GET READY.
OKAY. THANK YOU.

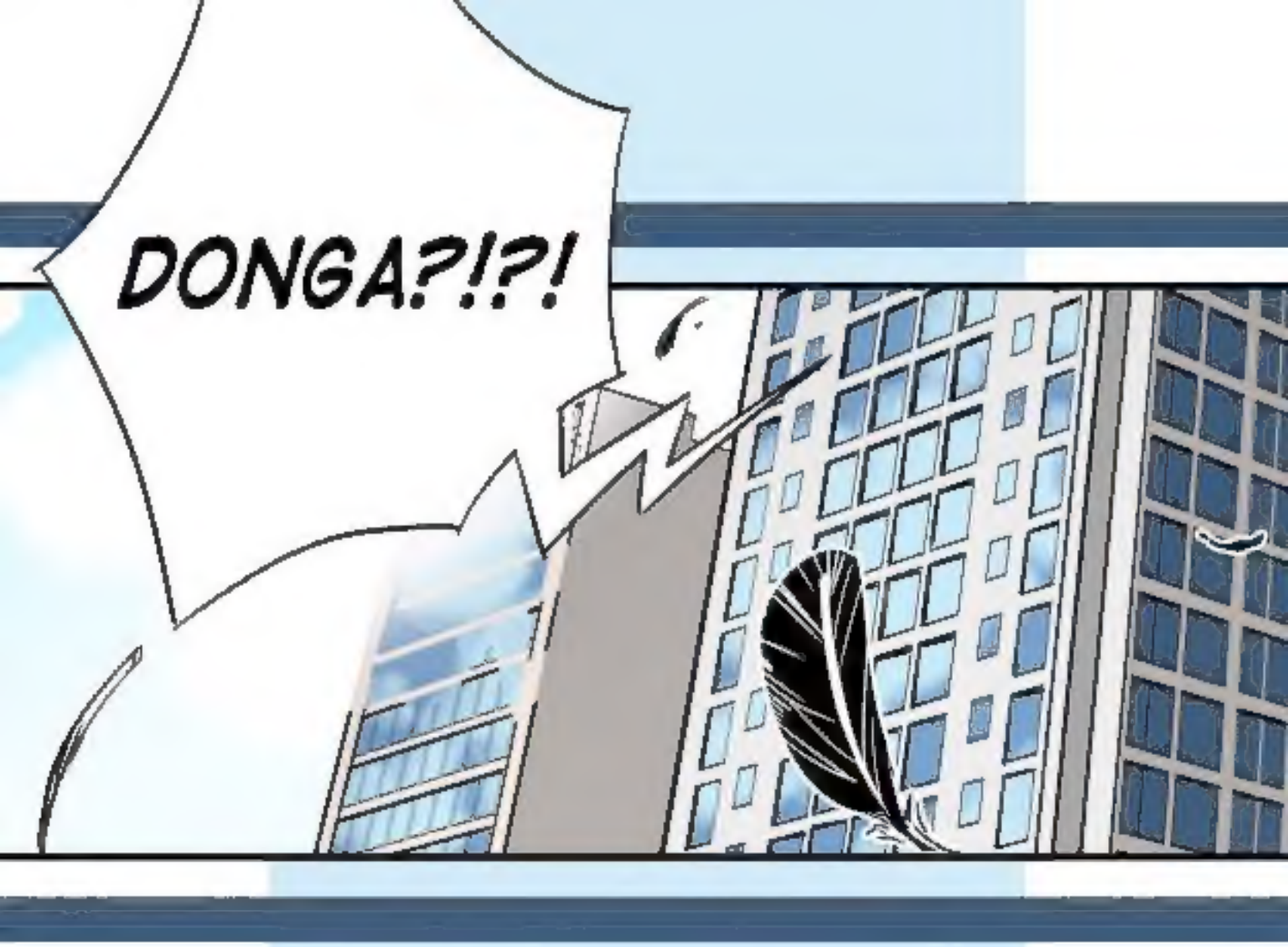
FINE. I'LL BUY YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT.
BUT YOU NEED TO HELP ME FOR REAL, GOT IT?
COME AND SIT NEXT TO ME.


PALE
SNIFF
SNIFF
....HUH?

STEP
STEP
STEP
WHAT THE...

UUUGH! THE STENCH!

HUH?
WHAT DID
YOU SAY?
?????
HUH
?????



WHERE DID THIS PUNK GO???!?